

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS


Claims 1-22 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-22 were rejected. In this response, Applicants have canceled claims 1-22 without acquiescence and prejudice. New claims 23-34 have been added. Thus, with this amendment claims 23-34 will be pending. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,



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